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DRUG ADDICTED ROBBERS GIVEN LENGTHY PRISON SENTENCES

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that United States District Judge Robert Junell sentenced Elmo D'Shon Starling, 22, of Odessa, Texas, to 110 months incarceration in federal prison, and Tim Garrett Carter, 20, of Midland, to 51 months in federal prison for their roles in an Odessa home invasion robbery.

On June 20, 2006, Starling and Carter each pleaded guilty to the federal charge of being a prohibited person, specifically a drug addict and user, in possession of a firearm. As part of their pleas, Starling and Carter admitted that on October 13, 2005, they were part of a gang of drug addicts who used a shotgun to rob the residents of an apartment in Odessa, Texas, of cash and property.

According to court documents, the other participants in the robbery were Michael McGinnis, 20, of Iraan, Texas, and two juveniles. McGinnis was earlier convicted of federal weapons charges arising out of the same incident and was sentenced to 41 months incarceration.

The case is the result of an investigation conducted by the FBI West Texas Area Major Offenders Task Force (WAMO), which is comprised of federal agents and local detectives who work together to investigate violent criminals in the Permian Basin area. The case was prosecuted for the government by Assistant United States Attorney Glenn Roque-Jackson.

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